

PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
4:45 PM  
April 3, 2007

PRESENT: Way, Kopitzke, Herter, Tate, O'Connell, Morack, Henke, Romberg  
OTHERS: Polley, Bodoh

Way called the meeting to order at 4:48 pm.

1. Tate moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Kopitzke. All Ayes.
2. The City Engineer presented a schematic of the proposed trail following the south side of the river. Bodoh explained the tentative cost schedule for the project. The grant that is being applied for is a 50/50 grant where the WI DNR will match 50% of the total cost. The City's portion of the cost of the project could include in kind costs, donations and the appraisal of the property. The City will also collaborate with local groups for assistance.
3. The committee reviewed a Resolution to give City staff the permission to proceed with the trail project WI DNR grant application.

Kopitzke moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Tate. Motioned carried 3-1 (Herter opposed).

4. Polley announced that Evelyn Bromwell has announced her retirement. Evelyn has been the Senior Center Director for 15 ½ years. Her last day will be June 29, 2007. Evelyn has contributed tremendously to the seniors in New London and will be missed.
5. The committee reviewed the monthly pool reports. There were no comments at this time.
6. In new business, Arbor Day is April 27, 2007. The City will host a Trail meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers. Everyone interested in the development of the river trail or any other trails in New London is encouraged to attend. A trail committee will be set up at the meeting. In addition, the committee discussed the docks at Riverside Park and the River height. The L portion of the Riverside Park boat docks cannot be placed in the river when the river height is forecasted to rise above 8ft. The pilings that hold the docks in place are not tall enough to secure the docks at high river elevations. The City staff monitors the river height daily and puts the docks in once the river height decreases. The City staff makes every attempt to get the docks in as soon as they feel it is safe to put them in the river. The City staff is also researching the possibility of adding height to the pilings to allow for the docks to be put in the river regardless of river height. The docks are scheduled to be placed in the river prior to Big Whopper Weekend.
7. There were no items for the May agenda at this time.

Tate moved to adjourn, seconded by Kopitzke. All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.